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In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-26 (Cancelled)

27. (New) An elastomeric article comprising: a substrate body including a hydrocarbon-based elastomeric polymeric matrix; a plurality of porous beads having a pore size that ranges from about 0.01 microns to about 0.5 microns, the beads containing a treatment impregnated within said pores, the treatment being time-releasable to an environment; and each of said beads has a surface with at least a vinyl functional group, and said bead is covalently bonded to said elastomeric polymer matrix or a coating thereon.
28. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said vinyl group is selected from the group consisting of a carbon-carbon vinyl group and an acrylate group.
29. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said porous bead has a porosity of about 0.1% to about 90% of the entire volume of said bead.
30. (New) The article according to claim 29, wherein said porous bead has a porosity of about 20% to about 90% of the entire volume of said bead.
31. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said porous beads are present in an amount of from about 0.0001 mass % to about 10 mass % of said article.
32. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said porous beads do not plasticize, dissolve, dissociate, or degrade during formation of said article.
33. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said porous beads are formed from a material that either has or does not have hydroxyl functionality, but can be surface converted to produce hydroxyl groups on a surface of said beads.
34. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein either a diffusion mechanism or a shearing force mechanism is employed to control timed-release of said treatment.
35. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said treatment includes a moisturizer, an ointment, a drug, or an emollient.
36. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said treatment enhances skin-health.

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37. (New) The article according to claim 36, wherein said treatment is selected from the group consisting of aloe, vitamin E, lanolin, polyethylene glycol, glycerin, and mineral oil.
38. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said environment comprises an end user's skin.
39. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said coating on said elastomer polymer matrix comprises a donning layer.
40. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said porous beads are present in an amount of about 0.01 mass % to about 80 mass % of said donning layer.
41. (New) The article according to claim 27, wherein said porous beads are present on an inside surface.
42. (New) An elastomeric article comprising: an elastomeric substrate body having a first surface; and a donning layer overlying said first surface, the donning layer comprising a polymer material containing a plurality of porous beads with a surface having reactive vinyl functional groups, said beads are covalently bonded to either said substrate body or said donning layer by means of a C-C bond.
43. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 42, where said beads contain a time-releasable treatment in a number of pores.
44. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 42, wherein said polymer material comprises a hydrogel.
45. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 42, wherein said elastomeric substrate body has a second surface distal from said donning layer, and said second surface contains a plurality of porous beads covalently attached to said second surface.
46. (New) The article according to claim 42, wherein said article is either a glove or a condom.